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Dear Dolph:

I was very glad to get your letter which arrived the day before I was released from the hospital. I was there for twenty-nine days. Yes, it seems that I had a return of my dysentery in addition to a fistula which probably was caused by the other trouble. As usual I kept right on until I let it run about 30 lbs off of me before I did anything about it.

Dolph, for many years I have had the idea that the Veteran's Administration was just another government bureau, full of graft, but I have had my mind changed if the hospital here is typical. I could not have received better service or had a better operation anywhere. A Vet is foolish if ~~he~~ he does not take advantage of the hospitalization which is his for the asking.

Yes, I am planning on going back to New York. I have an interview arranged with Chet Shaw's advertising director and also have an application in at Time, Inc. I was to have started back there December 4 but had to take time out for this hospitalization. Now my plans are to stay here until about February 1 when we shall return to Lawrence to remain until I feel I have regained enough strength and weight to start back there. I shall tell you what I have in mind when I see you there.

It is too bad about Ernie but I am sure that Jackson will carry on in good shape. I certainly enjoyed Mrs. Jackson's Christmas story.

Marge joins me in extending best wishes to all of you for a very Happy New Year and I am looking forward to talking with you again in a few weeks.

Sincerely,

" Klee "